

To Animal Health Lab clients,

We wanted to send out a letter about *T. foetus* (Trich) testing reminders and notes. The new 2017 Trich season is upon us, as of Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Trich tags are white for this season and can be purchased through a local distributor. Remember, our lab only accepts pouches for sample collection. The Animal Health Lab offers an individual PCR test cost at \$24.00/sample or a pooled PCR test cost at \$45.00/pool (3 to 5 samples in a pool and pouches are pooled by laboratory only, individually collected). Testing is run Monday thru Friday and turn around time is typically the same day we receive the samples, but could take up to 3 days due to testing conditions or sample load. For official testing, veterinarians must be certified to collect samples, pouches must not be expired and bulls must have official ID. Please contact Scott Essex (503-428-7458) with questions regarding Trich tags, pouches and certification.

**There are two options for sample submission:**

**1. Incubated at clinic and then shipping to lab**

- Collect in valid **non-expired** Trich pouch
- Sample must be incubated within 24 hours after collection
- Incubate sample for 24 to 48 hours at 37C
- Freeze sample after incubation and **ship on ice**
- Samples must be received in the lab **under 20C**
  - o Shipping recommendations
    - Styrofoam box with as much ice inside as possible with samples
    - Submission form in plastic bag for protection
    - Overnight shipping

**2. Sending directly to lab - no prior incubation**

- Collect in valid **non-expired** Trich pouch
- After collection ship overnight to lab within 48 hours
- Sample can be left at room temperature prior to shipment
  - o Shipping recommendations - **No ICE**
    - Styrofoam box with samples inside bags
    - Submission form in plastic bag for protection

Samples received outside of the above conditions will not be run as official tests. Diagnostic results can be provided, but the results are not valid for sales, import or export. If samples are outside of valid diagnostic standards, the lab will reject the samples. Please call us if you have questions.

Ship to:  
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture  
Animal Health Laboratory  
635 Capitol St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

The lab provides discounted shipping rates through Fedex using our Trich shipping account. Please provide your sending information as usual and add our shipping account to sender account number location at the top.

FEDEX # 0972-3396-9 – Ship Priority Overnight – Do not ship First Overnight (very expensive and gets to lab at same time as priority)  
Please note – shipping standard overnight or ground does not get delivered until 3 pm and would not be run until the following business day.

As always please call with any questions or concerns. I have attached our lab forms for your use and they are also available on the web at  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/AnimalHealthFeedsLivestockID/AHLab/Pages/TrichomoniasisPCR.aspx>

Thank you

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